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REFERENCES

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REMARKS Paragraphs 3 through 6 were previously reported 25X1

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1. After 2 p.m. on 3 and 4 February 1953, units in the strength of a battalion each left the Schumke Kaserne in Rehagen for night practices in the area near point 80, north of Krummersee. The troops marched out without bridge and construction equipment. They would return the following day at about 5 p.m. 1 During the nights they practiced with blank cartridges and tracer ammunition.
2. On 6 February, an AAA unit with 8 x 76.2-mm guns moved out of the Eisenbahn-pionier Kaserne at about 7:30 a.m., proceeding toward Kummersdorf. Another unit with 6 x 76.2-mm guns drove toward Kummersdorf at noon on 7 February. All the guns were coupled to three-axle trucks. the troops to have left for exercises.² 25X1
3. On 14 February, numerous flatcars were loaded at the Hensberg railroad station, numerous flatcars and gondola cars at the Grieben railroad station, and two trains of flatcars at the Loewenberg railroad station. Numerous cars of various types were seen at the Velten, Radensleben and Neuruppin railroad stations. Numerous flatcars were observed in Neuruppin as well as Paulinenaue at 3:30 p.m. on 15 February. A railroadman stated that the Soviets ordered 980 cars to be made available for the Neuruppin main railroad station.³
4. After 9 a.m. on 15 February, 8 rocket launchers of model M-13, and about 14 trucks with 2 field kitchens moved out of the Friedrich Franz Kaserne in Neuruppin to be loaded at the railroad station. At 9 a.m. on 16 February, 8 box cars and 62 other cars with 8 rocket launchers and trucks stood at the Paulinenaue railroad station.⁴

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- 25X1 1. [] Comment. It is believed that elements of the 35th Engr Regt (US) of the Third Gds Mecz Army conducted infantry night practices.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. It is possible that components of the 2d Gds AAA Div moved out for practices.
- 25X1 3. [] Comment. Information on railroad-car assemblies in the Neuruppin area was previously obtained. Statements in paragraphs 5 and 6 confirm the fact that the cars were assembled for trains which ran from this area to Neustrelitz on 15 and 16 February 1953. In this connection it is believed that the shipments observed according to paragraph 6 in the present report include the tank units which, according to the reference report, were shipped from Netzeband to Neustrelitz on 15 and 16 February 1953. The four shipments loaded in Neuruppin are also believed to have been included in those shipments in the reference report which went from Neuruppin and Altruppin to Neustrelitz on 15 and 16 February. As most of the motor vehicle [] belong to the 9th Gds Tank Div, it is no longer safe to assume that elements of the Third Shock Army engaged in winter exercises in the Schwerin-Wittstock area while units of the 12th and 9th Gds Tank Divs engaged in exercises in the Neustrelitz area. [] According to the present information, it is believed that only in the area southeast of Schwerin were exercises held by elements of the Third Shock Army, while units of the 9th Gds Tank Div practiced in the Wittstock area after 12 February and returned to their post on 15 February. This also interprets the detraining of units of the 234th Mort Regt of the division in Neustrelitz on 15 February stated in the last mentioned reference report. The detraining of units of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) also mentioned in this reference report to have been made in Neustrelitz on 12 February is presumably not connected with large-scale field exercises. Rather it is possible that these units used their summer training area in the area of Speck-Granzin for short-term combat firing practices.
- 25X1 4. [] Comment. Probably, elements of the unidentified Gds rocket launcher battalion of the 12th Gds Tank Div which, [] were shipped to Jueterbog on 15 February 1953, probably for combat firing practice.

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